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SUBJECT: SITUATION IN MALANGE

1. I TALKED ON AUGUST 18 WITH THE BISHOP OF MALANGE, EDUARDO MUACA, SOON TO BE NAMED ARCHBISHOP CO-ADJUTOR OF LUANDA, AND ALEXANDRE NASCIMENTO, CHANCELLOR OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LUANDA AND SOON TO BE NAMED BISHOP OF MALANGE.

2. MUACA SAID THAT MALANGE IS A WASTELAND. THE MILITARY AND POLITICAL SCENES ARE QUIET NOW THAT FNLA HAS WITHDRAWN, BUT NOTHING REMAINS OF THE ECONOMY. OF THE 10,000 WHITES WHO LIVED IN THE DISTRICT, ONLY 50 OR 60 REMAIN. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO ECONOMIC ACTIVITY OF ANY KIND; NO ONE IS PRODUCING, NO ONE IS SELLING AND THERE IS NOTHING TO BUY. EVERY ABANDONED
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STORE, BUILDING AND HOUSE IN THE CITY HAS BEEN SACKED.

THE FEW INHABITED BUILDINGS WERE NOT LOOTED. BLACKS ARE LIVING OFF THE FOOD THEY LOOTED, BUT WHEN THAT IS GONE HEROIC MEASURES WILL HAVE TO BE TAKEN TO AVOID A SERIOUS CRISIS. THE WATER SYSTEM WORKS SPORADICALLY, BUT THERE IS NO TELEPHONE OR ELECTRIC SERVICE. ABOUT 300 PEOPLE WERE KILLED DURING THE FIGHTING, OVER ONE HUNDRED OF THEM COMBATANTS, BUT ONLY FIVE OR SIX WHITES.

3. MUACA TRAVELLED TO LUANDA BY ROAD A FEW DAYS EARLIER AND REPORTED THAT MPLA WAS IN CONTROL OF LUCALA. AS FAR AS HE COULD TELL, ALMOST EVERY BUILDING BETWEEN MALANGE AND DALATANDO (SALAZAR) HAD BEEN SACKED. THE MPLA IN MALANGE HAS DONE LITTLE TO RESTORE PUBLIC SERVICES, BUT NEITHER HAS IT SHOWN ANY AGGRESSIVENESS TOWARD THE POPULATION. HE SAID THE PEOPLE ARE ALMOST SOLIDLY PRO-MPLA AND THERE HAS BEEN NO TROUBLE BETWEEN TROOPS AND CIVILIANS.

4. LATER, I TALKED WITH NASCIMENTO, WHO TOOK THE VIEW THAT THE DEPARTURE OF THE WHITES WAS NO GREAT LOSS. THE WHITES IN THE MALANGE REGION, HE SAID, WERE EXTREMELY RACIST AND NEVER HAD ANY INTEREST IN, OR CONCERN FOR, BLACKS. THEY FEARED BLACKS BECAUSE THEY HAD A GUILT COMPLEX AND COUNTED UPON THE PORTUGUESE TO PROTECT THEM IN ALL MATTERS. WHEN THAT PROTECTION BROKE DOWN THEY PANICKED AND FLED. NOW THAT THEY ARE GONE, BLACKS CAN BUILD THEIR OWN SOCIETY IN THE REGION. IT WILL NOT DE

AMYPHIC FANCY, BUT IT WILL BE AUTHENTICALLY ANGOLAN AND IT WILL BELONG TO THE BLACKS.

5. I ASKED ABOUT THE METHODIST MISSION JUST OUTSIDE MALANGE. MUACA SAID HE STOPPED BY THERE A FEW DAYS BEFORE COMING TO LUANDA. NO FIGHTING TOOK PLACE IN OR NEAR THE MISSION AND EVERYTHING IS IN ORDER. A BUILDING BELONGING TO THE MISSION IN MALANGE WAS SACKED. MUACA SAID THERE ARE NO AMERICANS IN THE MISSION OR IN MALANGE.

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